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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Ronald C. Elliott et al.  
Serial No. 09/299,859  
Filed: April 26, 1999



For: **PORTABLE COT APPARATUS**

Group Art Unit: 3628  
Examiner: James Hewitt

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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**AMENDMENTS**

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-23 and add the following new claims:

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- 1 ~~24.1~~ (New) A portable cot apparatus comprising:
  - 2 a. a stackable frame structure including a plurality of rail structures for supporting
  - 3 the portable cot apparatus; and
  - 4 b. a flexible support having a detachable fastener for removably and selectively
  - 5 coupling the flexible support to the stackable frame structure, the detachable
  - 6 fastener having fastener portions attached along an edge of the flexible support
  - 7 such that the flexible support is removably and selectively coupled to the
  - 8 stackable frame structure by wrapping the flexible support around at least one of
  - 9 the plurality of rail structures and interlocking the fastener portions to form a
  - 10 sleeve around the at least one rail structure wherein the at least one rail structure is
  - 11 substantially covered with the sleeve.